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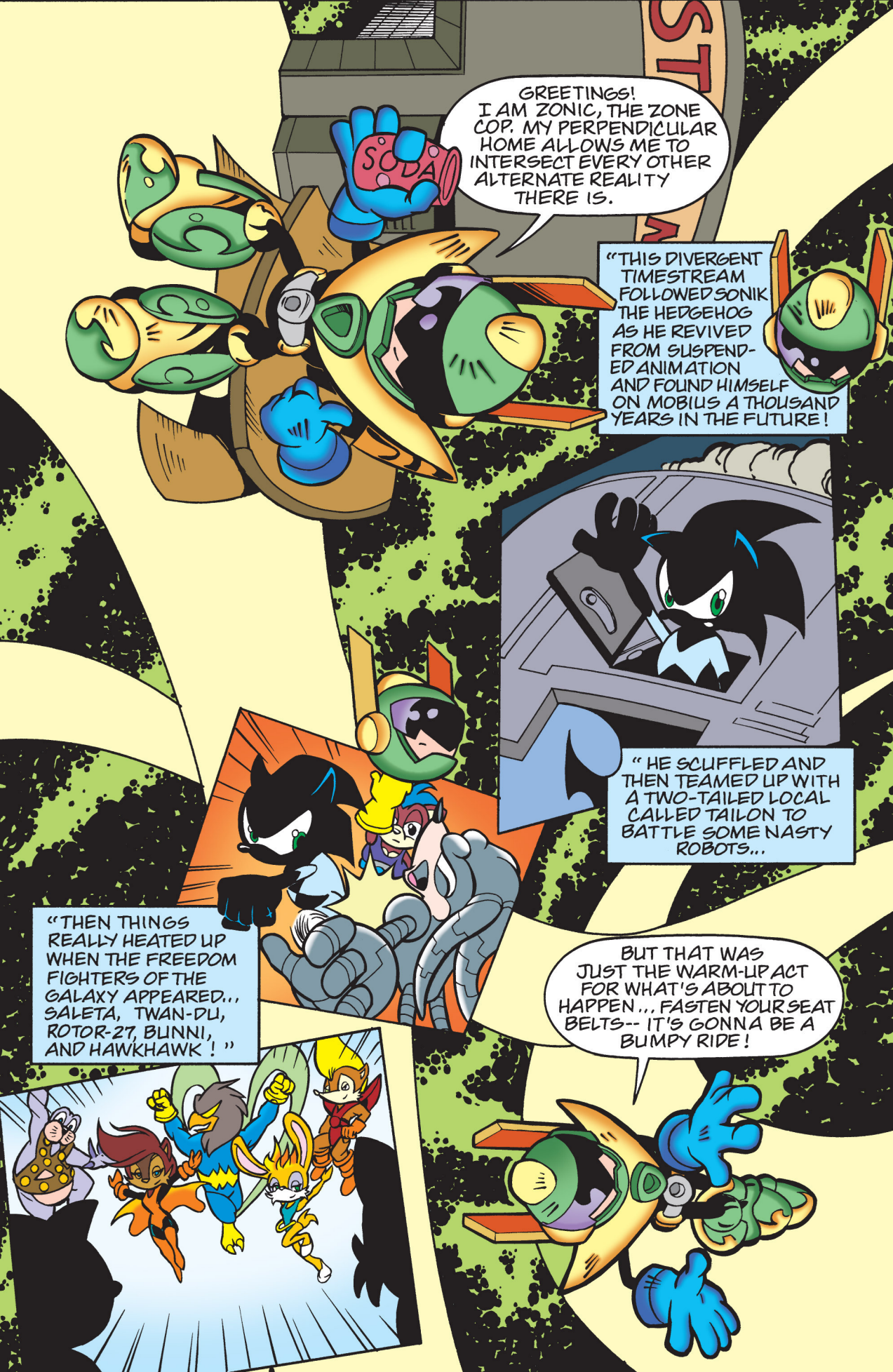
GREETINGS! I AM ZONIC, THE ZONE COP. MY PERPENDICULAR HOME ALLOWS ME TO INTERSECT EVERY OTHER ALTERNATE REALITY THERE IS.
"THIS DIVERGENT TIMESTREAM FOLLOWED SONIK THE HEDGEHOG AS HE REVIVED FROM SUSPEND-ED ANIMATION AND FOUND HIMSELF ON MOBIUS A THOUSAND YEARS IN THE FUTURE!
"HE SCUFFLED AND THEN TEAMED UP WITH A TWO-TAILED LOCAL CALLED TAILON TO BATTLE SOME NASTY ROBOTS...
BUT THAT WAS JUST THE WARM-UP ACT FOR WHAT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN... FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS-- IT'S GONNA BE A BUMPY RIDE!
"THEN THINGS REALLY HEATED UP WHEN THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF THE GALAXY APPEARED... SALETA, TWAN-DU, ROTOR-27, BUNNI, AND HAWKHAWK!"

FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF THE GALAXY
PART TWO, CHAPTER ONE
:sniff: BEWARE! "THE-NOSE-THAT-KNOWS" CAN SMELL THE COSMIC POWER IN THOSE BOLTS OF ENERGY!
SONIK IS A NATURAL LEADER... AND A HUNK, TOO!
I AM SILVER SNIVELY! IT IS MY SWORN DUTY TO HERALD THE ARRIVAL OF ROBOLACTUS, THE PLANET GLUTTON! MAKE WAY--HE APPROACHES!
:snort: YEAH, AND I CAN TELL HE HAD PEPPERS AND ONIONS FOR LUNCH!
SKREETCH!
KCHAMM!
BAG THE WISECRACKS-- SPREAD OUT AND HIT BACK!

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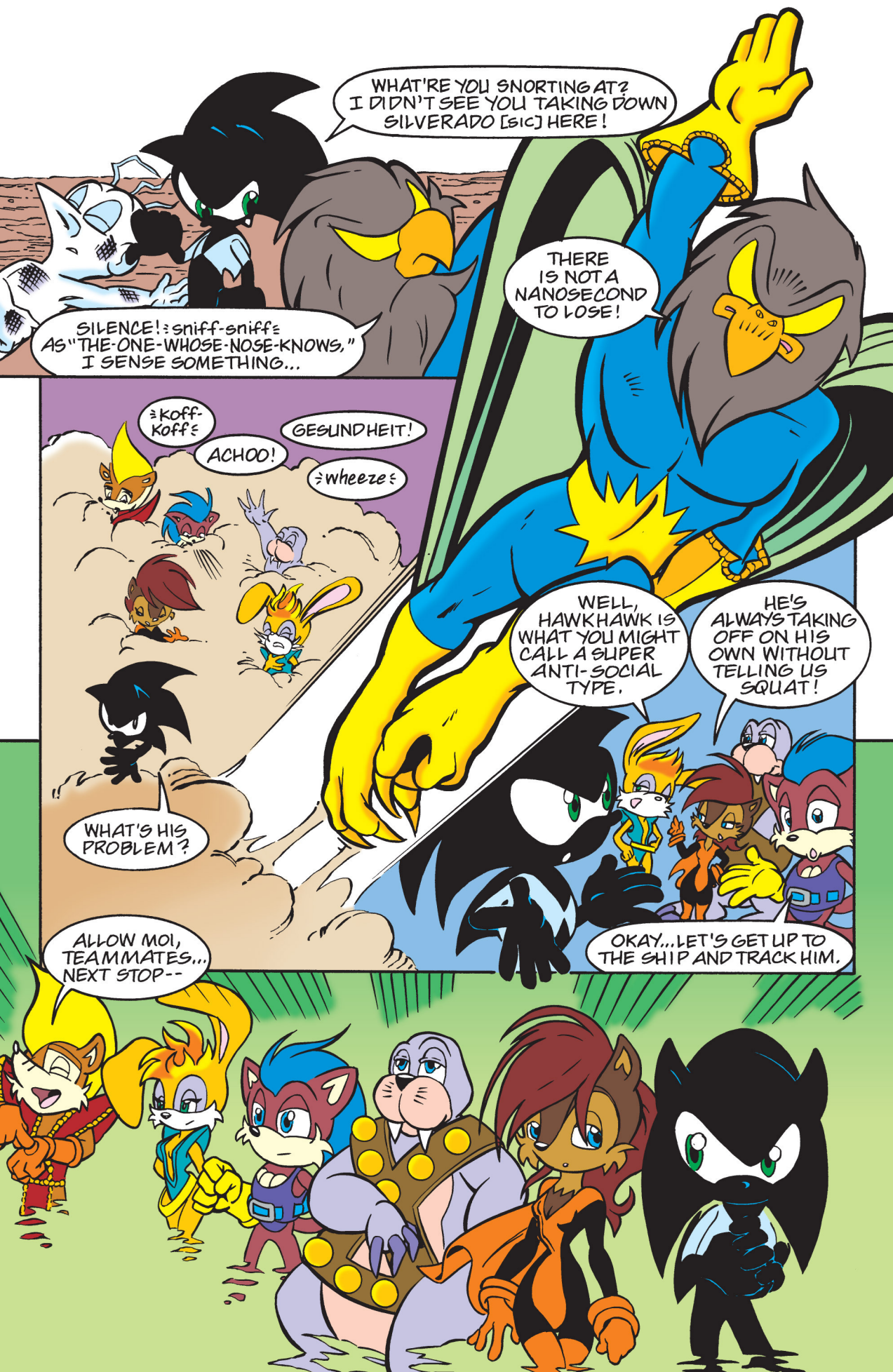
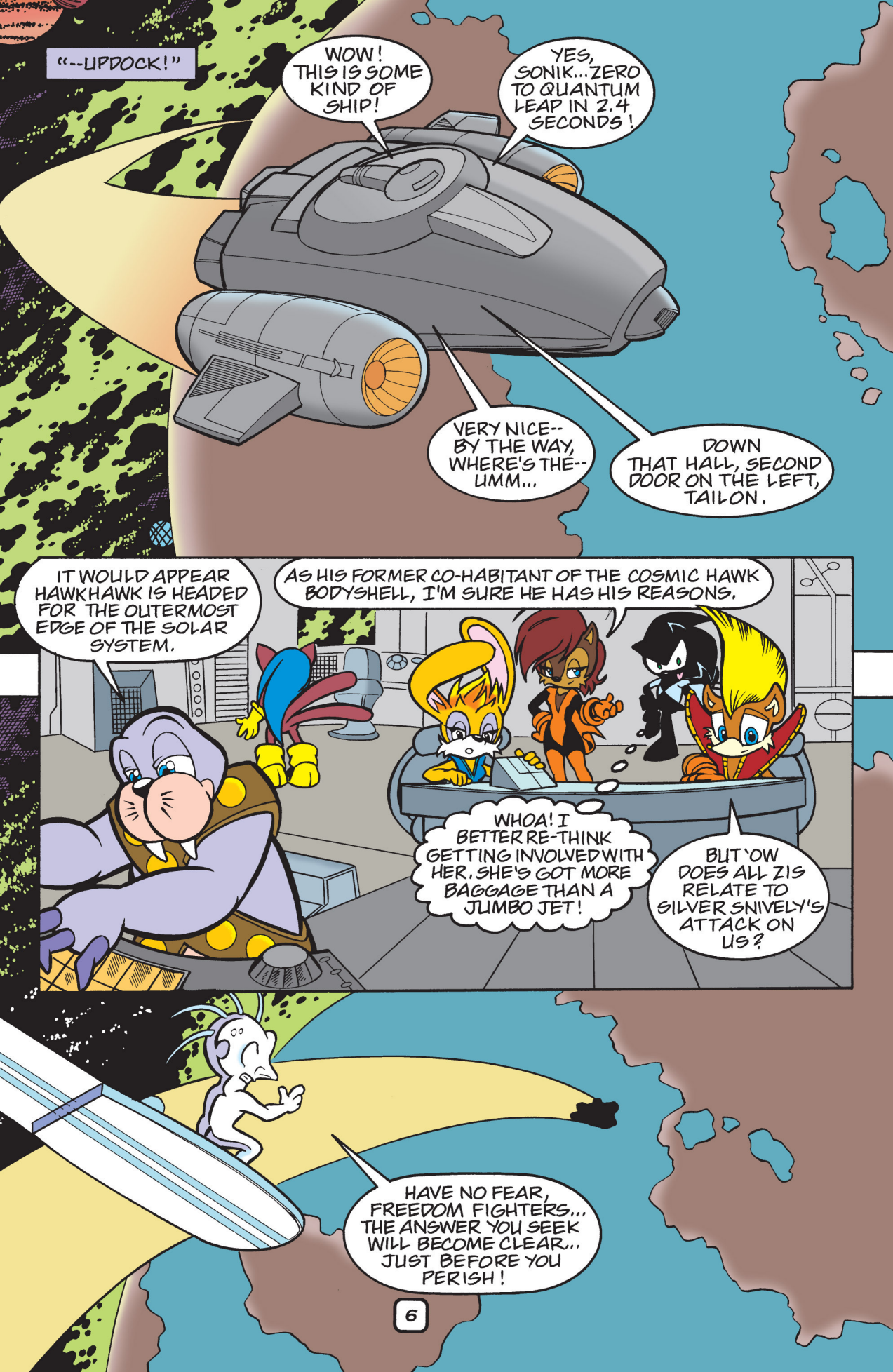
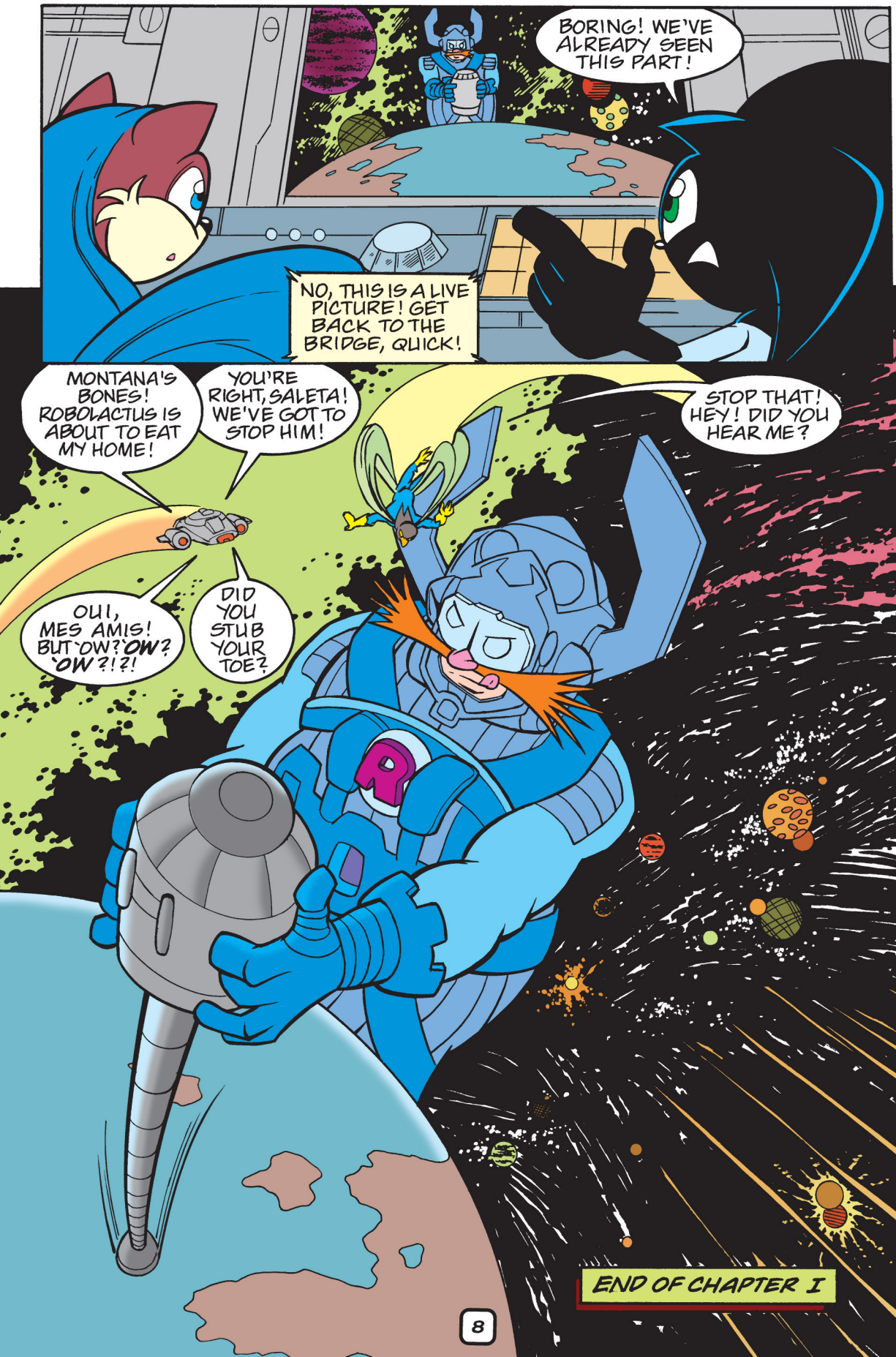
MON DIEU!
BWHAM!
WOOOF!
THIS MANGY MENAGERIE IS NO MATCH FOR ME!
LOOK OWWW!
SNAG
AS FOR THIS FREAK OF NATURE--
HEY-- LEGGO!
AS YOU WISH!
zing...
SPLAT!
EEEEK!
=ugh=
CAN'T GET A CLEAR SHOT!
BUT I CAN!
WHAROOM!

CHEW ON THIS PSYCHO-KINETIC BLAST, BOARD BOY!
FRASK!
Ack!
SUFFERING STARSCAPE! I AM DISORIENTED!
UP YOU GO, BUNNI.
≒sniff-sniff-sniff!≒
NICELY DONE, SONIK!
10-Q, Q.T.! [sic]
LOOKS LIKE IT'S UP TO ME TO STOP THIS CHROME CREEP!
THANKS, TUSKY!

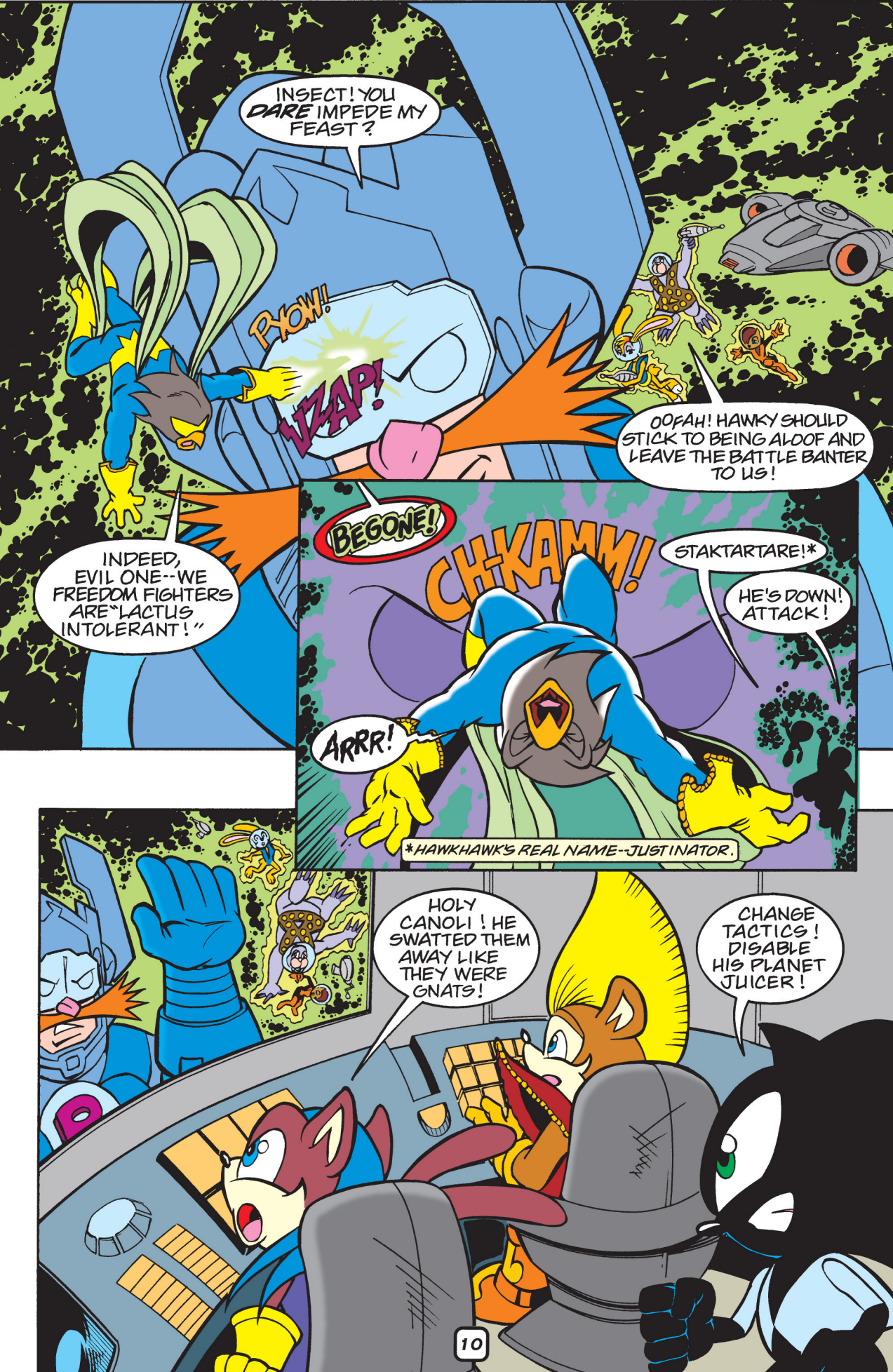

WHAT'RE YOU SNORTING AT? I DIDN'T SEE YOU TAKING DOWN SILVERADO [sic] HERE!
SILENCE! =sniff-sniff= AS "THE-ONE-WHOSE-NOSE-KNOWS," I SENSE SOMETHING...
THERE IS NOT A NANOSECOND TO LOSE!
=koff-koff=
ACHOO!
GESUNDHEIT!
=wheeze=
WHAT'S HIS PROBLEM?
WELL, HAWKHAWK IS WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL A SUPER ANTI-SOCIAL TYPE.
HE'S ALWAYS TAKING OFF ON HIS OWN WITHOUT TELLING US SQUAT!
OKAY... LET'S GET UP TO THE SHIP AND TRACK HIM.
ALLOW MOI, TEAMMATES... NEXT STOP--

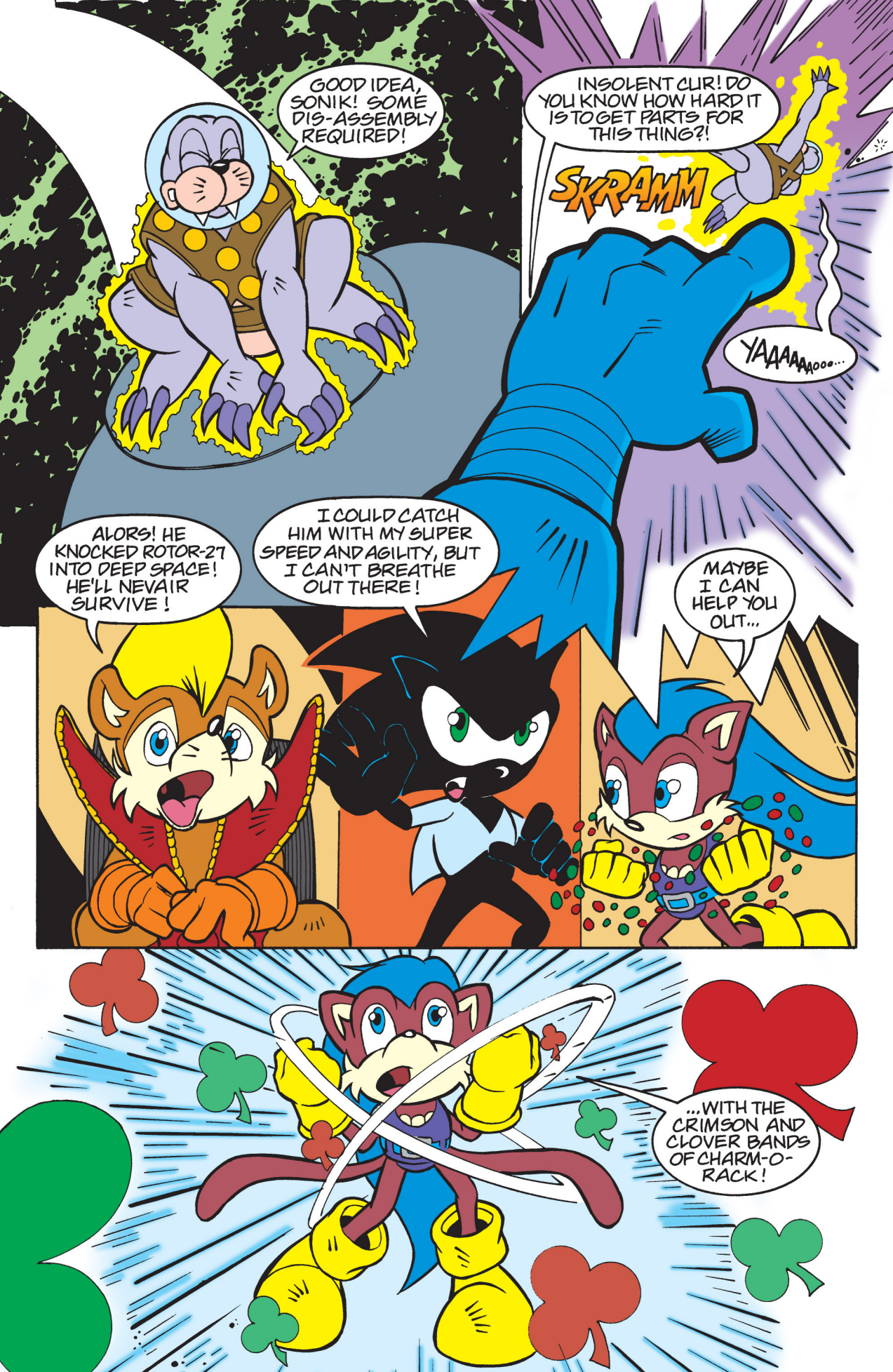

"--UPDOCK!"
WOW! THIS IS SOME KIND OF SHIP!
YES, SONIK...ZERO TO QUANTUM LEAP IN 2.4 SECONDS!
VERY NICE-- BY THE WAY, WHERE'S THE-- UMM...
DOWN THAT HALL, SECOND DOOR ON THE LEFT, TAILON.
IT WOULD APPEAR HAWKHAWK IS HEADED FOR THE OUTERMOST EDGE OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM.
AS HIS FORMER CO-HABITANT OF THE COSMIC HAWK BODYSHELL, I'M SURE HE HAS HIS REASONS.
WHOA! I BETTER RE-THINK GETTING INVOLVED WITH HER. SHE'S GOT MORE BAGGAGE THAN A JUMBO JET!
BUT 'OW DOES ALL ZIS RELATE TO SILVER SNIVELY'S ATTACK ON US?
HAVE NO FEAR, FREEDOM FIGHTERS... THE ANSWER YOU SEEK WILL BECOME CLEAR... JUST BEFORE YOU PERISH!

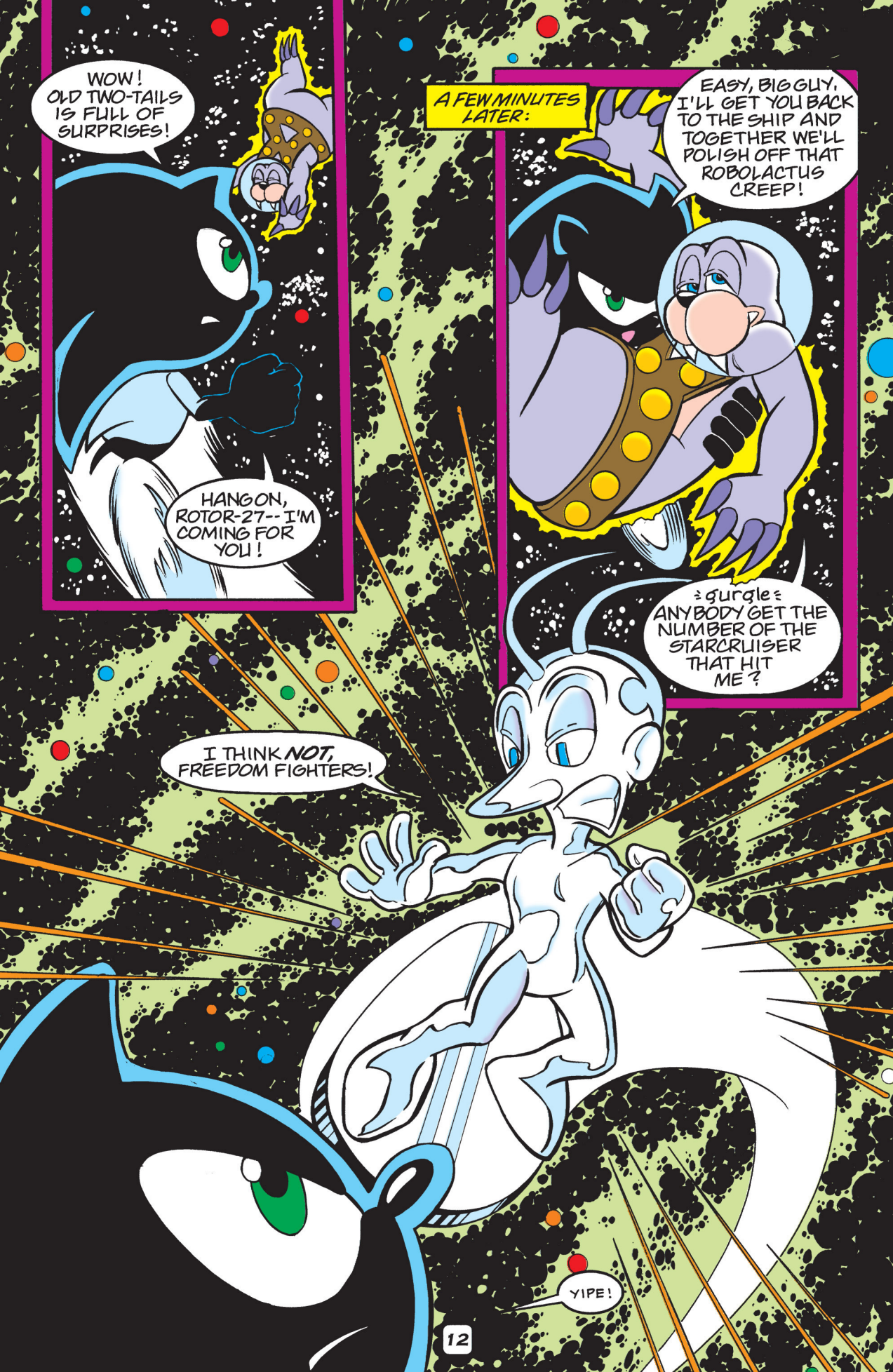
WE'LL REACH PLANET BLUTO IN A FEW MINUTES, SAL...
ROBOLACTUS IS A GIGANTIC ROBOTIC DESCENDANT OF THE EVIL DR. ITO ROBOTNIK FROM PLANET MOBIUS.
GUIDED BY HIS HERALD, SILVER SNIVELY, THIS INSATIABLE GHOUL ROAMS THE UNIVERSE, LOOKING FOR PLANETS TO FEAST ON. ONCE CHOSEN, THE DOOMED WORLD IS HOOKED TO HIS "PLANET JUICER."
ONCE THE LIFE FORCE OF THE PLANET HAS BEEN SQUEEZED OUT AND CONSUMED, THE COSMIC GLUTTON MOVES ON, DRIVEN BY HIS EVER-GROWING HUNGER.
BUHUUUURP!
GOOD-JUST ENOUGH TIME FOR TAILON AND SONIK TO WATCH A TUTORIAL ON ROBOLACTUS... NOW, WHERE DID I PUT THOSE DOCU-CHIPS?
≈ crunch-chomp-ptoo ≈ OOPS-- SORRY! I THOUGHT THEY WERE CORN CHIPS!

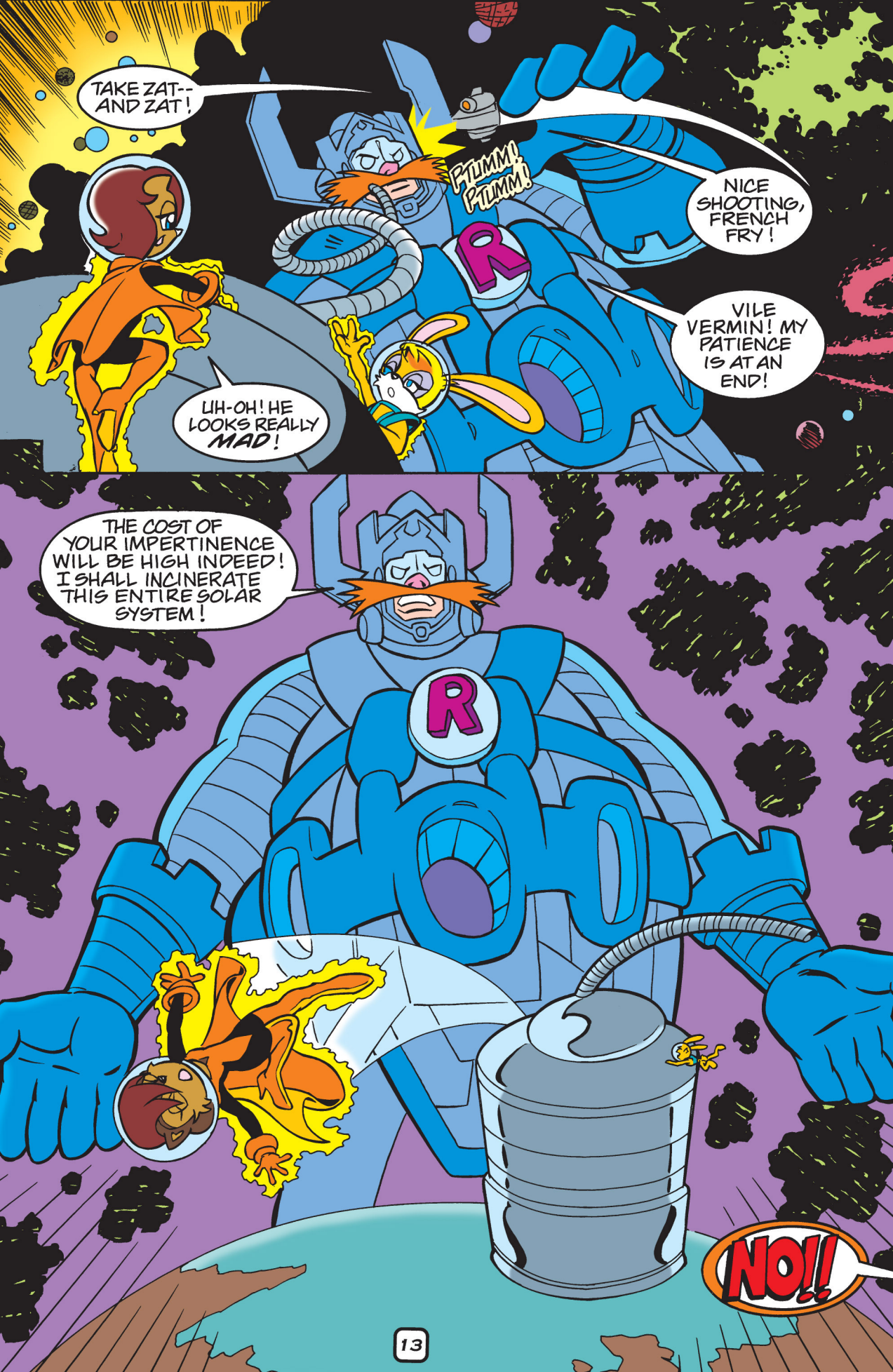

BORING! WE'VE ALREADY SEEN THIS PART!
NO, THIS IS A LIVE PICTURE! GET BACK TO THE BRIDGE, QUICK!
MONTANA'S BONES! ROBOLACTUS IS ABOUT TO EAT MY HOME!
YOU'RE RIGHT, SALETA! WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!
STOP THAT! HEY! DID YOU HEAR ME?
OUI, MES AMIS! BUT 'OW? 'OW? 'OW?!?!
DID YOU STUB YOUR TOE?
END OF CHAPTER I

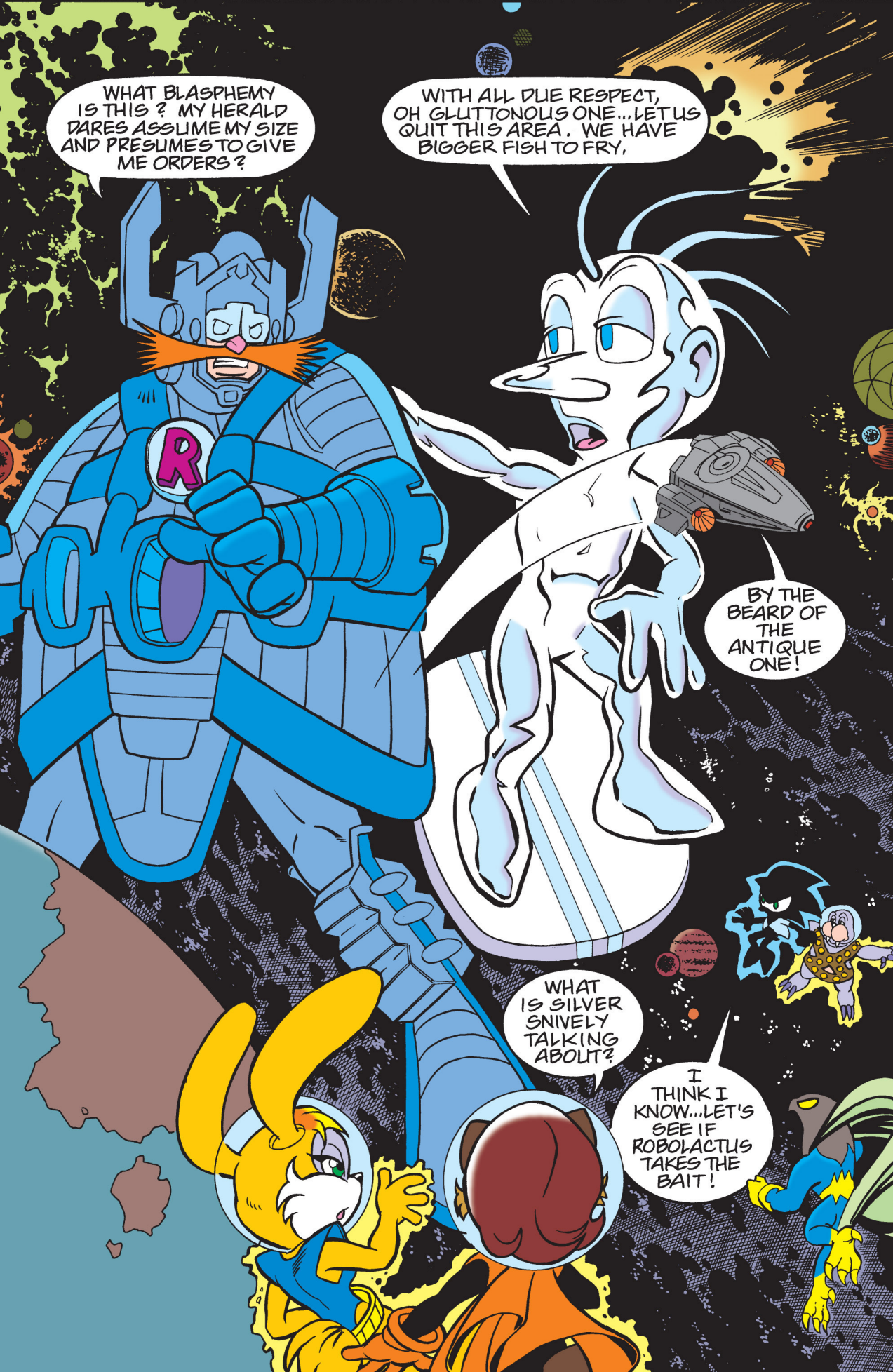
FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF THE GALAXY
PART TWO, CHAPTER TWO
OKAY, LISTEN UP! SALETA--YOU, BUNNI, AND ROTOR-27 HEAD OUTSIDE AND HELP HAWKHAWK SLOW ROBOLACTUS DOWN. MEANWHILE, TAILON, 'TWAN-DU AND I WILL STAY ON BOARD AND BRING UPDOCK'S WEAPONS TO BEAR ON HIM!
RIGHT, SONIK! OKAY, YOU GUYS-- I'M GOING TO SHEATH US IN TRANSPARENT "LIGHT-SUITS" TO WITHSTAND OUTER SPACE!
LEMME AT HIM! I'M READY TO KICK SOME ROBO-BUTT!
TIME FOR A REBEL YELL... YEEEE-HA!
IT HAS BEGUN..YET, BEFORE I JOIN THE FRAY, THERE IS SOMETHING FISHY I NEED TO INVESTIGATE...

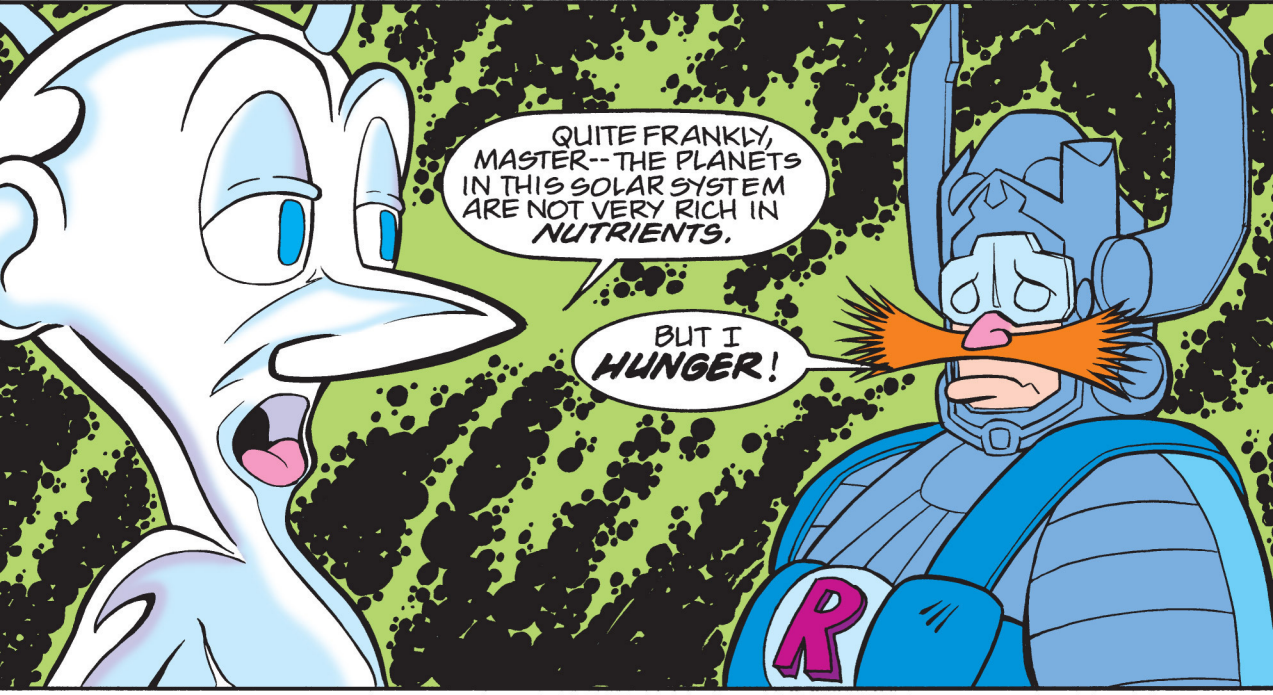

INSECT! YOU DARE IMPEDE MY FEAST?
RKOW!
VZAP!
OOFAH! HAWKY SHOULD STICK TO BEING ALOOF AND LEAVE THE BATTLE BANTER TO US!
INDEED, EVIL ONE--WE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE "LACTUS INTOLERANT!"
BEGONE!
CH-KAMM!
STAKTARTARE!*
HE'S DOWN! ATTACK!
ARRR!
*HAWKHAWK'S REAL NAME--JUSTINATOR.
HOLY CANOLI! HE SWATTED THEM AWAY LIKE THEY WERE GNATS!
CHANGE TACTICS! DISABLE HIS PLANET JUICER!

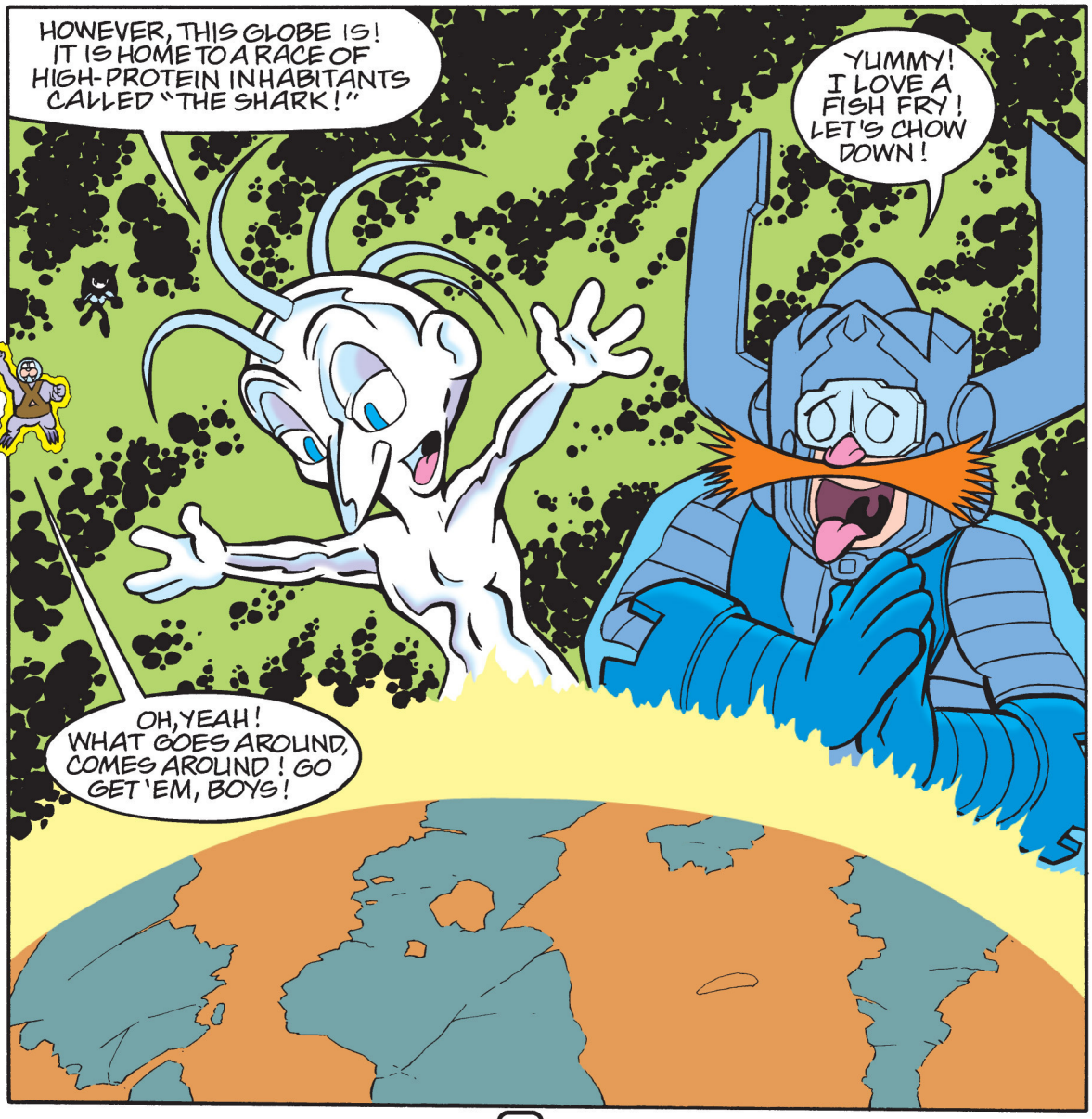

GOOD IDEA, SONIK! SOME DIS-ASSEMBLY REQUIRED!
INSOLENT CUR! DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO GET PARTS FOR THIS THING?!
SKRAMM
YAAAAAAAOOO...
ALORS! HE KNOCKED ROTOR-27 INTO DEEP SPACE! HE'LL NEVAIR SURVIVE!
I COULD CATCH HIM WITH MY SUPER SPEED AND AGILITY, BUT I CAN'T BREATHE OUT THERE!
MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU OUT...
...WITH THE CRIMSON AND CLOVER BANDS OF CHARM-O-RACK!

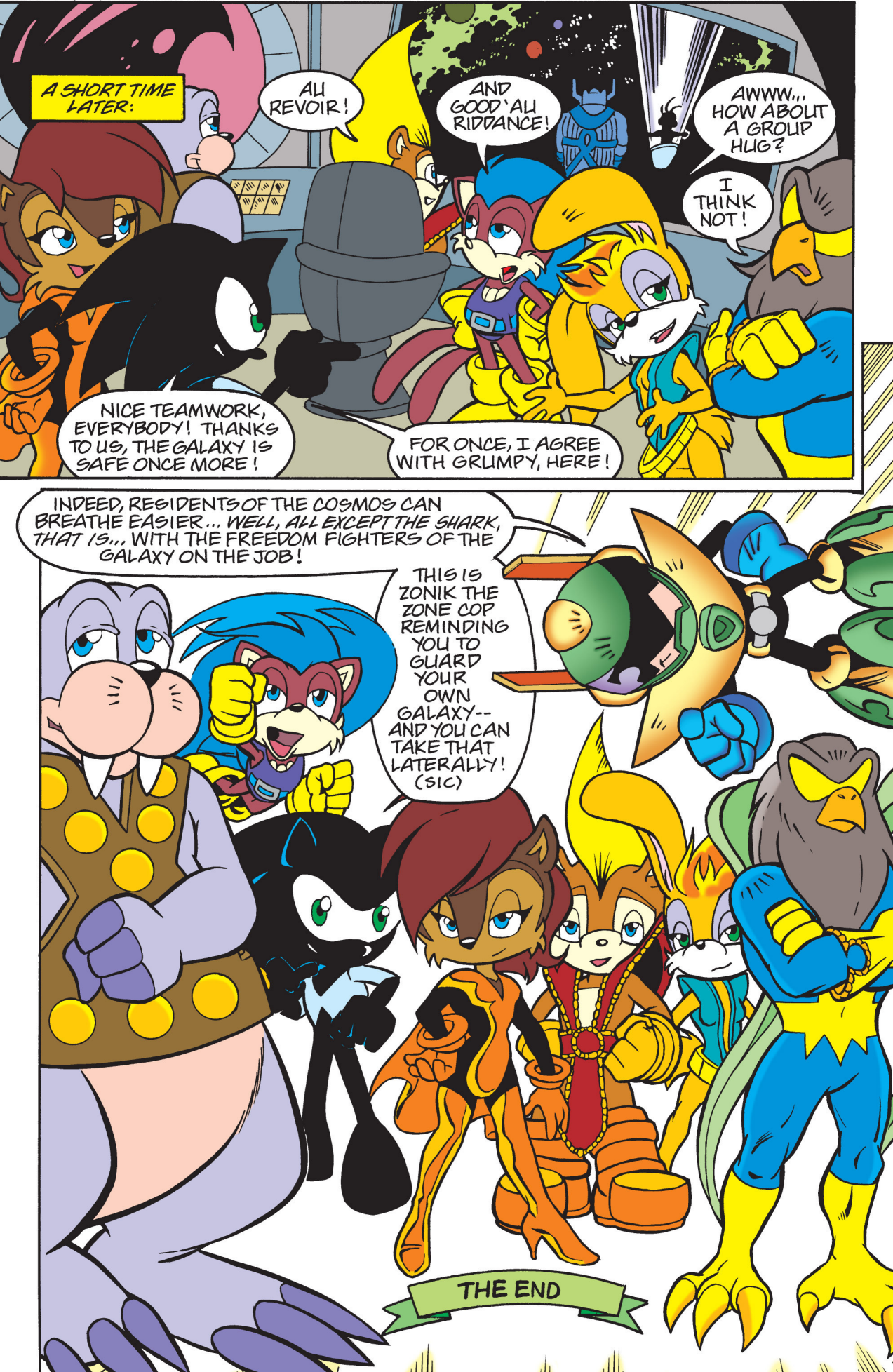

WOW! OLD TWO-TAILS IS FULL OF SURPRISES!
HANG ON, ROTOR-27-- I'M COMING FOR YOU!
A FEW MINUTES LATER:
EASY, BIG GUY. I'LL GET YOU BACK TO THE SHIP AND TOGETHER WE'LL POLISH OFF THAT ROBOLACTUS CREEP!
=gurgle= ANYBODY GET THE NUMBER OF THE STARCRUISER THAT HIT ME?
I THINK NOT, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
YIPE!

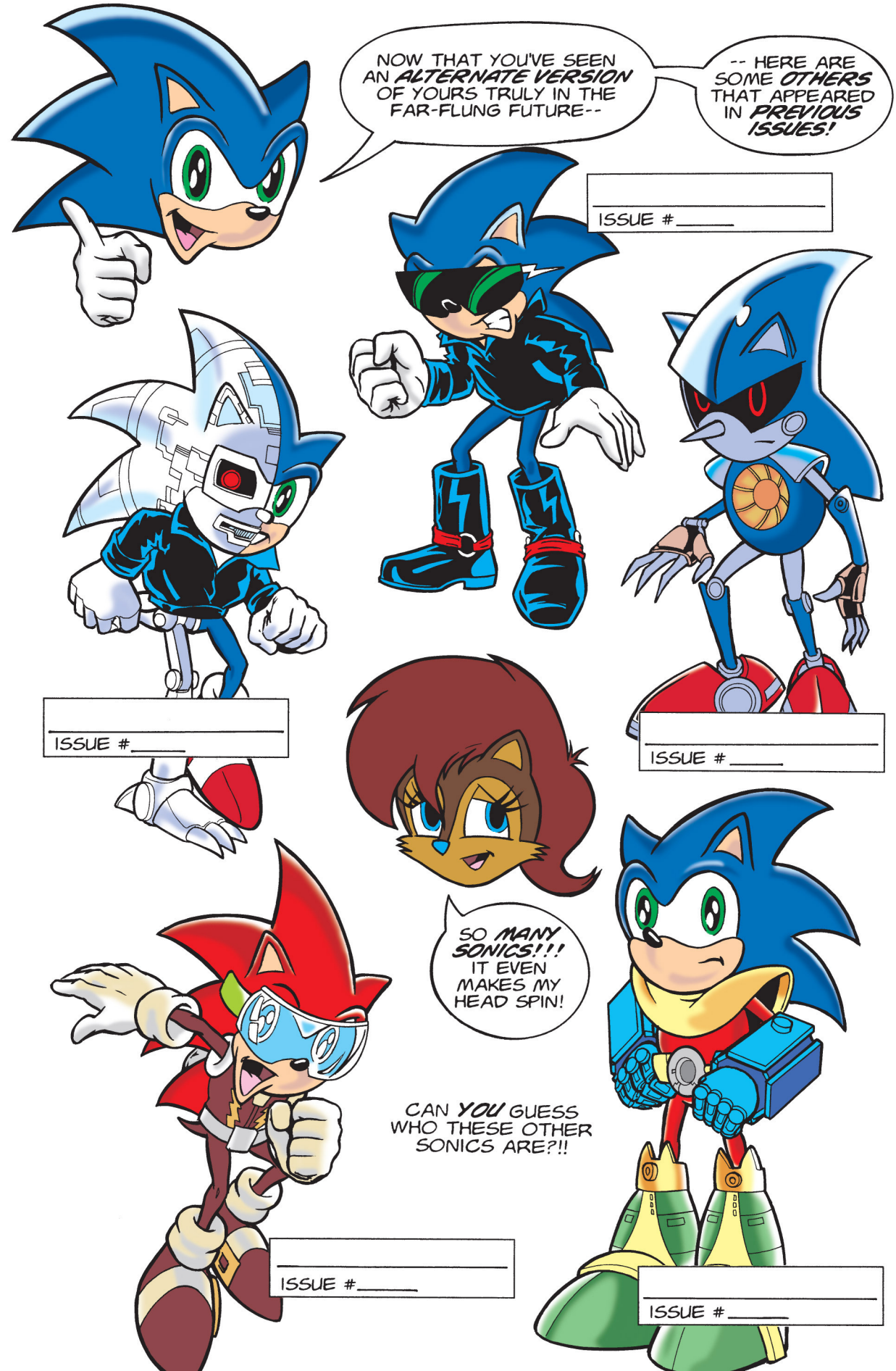

TAKE ZAT-- AND ZAT!
PTUMM! PTUMM!
NICE SHOOTING, FRENCH FRY!
VILE VERMIN! MY PATIENCE IS AT AN END!
UH-OH! HE LOOKS REALLY MAD!
THE COST OF YOUR IMPERTINENCE WILL BE HIGH INDEED! I SHALL INCINERATE THIS ENTIRE SOLAR SYSTEM!
NO!!


WHAT BLASPHEMY IS THIS? MY HERALD DARES ASSUME MY SIZE AND PRESUMES TO GIVE ME ORDERS?
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, OH GLUTTONOUS ONE..., LET US QUIT THIS AREA. WE HAVE BIGGER FISH TO FRY.
BY THE BEARD OF THE ANTIQUE ONE!
WHAT IS SILVER SNIVELY TALKING ABOUT?
I THINK I KNOW...LET'S SEE IF ROBOLACTUS TAKES THE BAIT!


QUITE FRANKLY, MASTER--THE PLANETS IN THIS SOLAR SYSTEM ARE NOT VERY RICH IN NUTRIENTS.
BUT I HUNGER!
R


HOWEVER, THIS GLOBE IS! IT IS HOME TO A RACE OF HIGH-PROTEIN INHABITANTS CALLED "THE SHARK!"
YUMMY! I LOVE A FISH FRY! LET'S CHOW DOWN!
OH, YEAH! WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND! GO GET 'EM, BOYS!


A SHORT TIME LATER:
AU REVOIR!
AND GOOD 'AU RIDDANCE!
AWWW... HOW ABOUT A GROUP HUG?
I THINK NOT!
NICE TEAMWORK, EVERYBODY! THANKS TO US, THE GALAXY IS SAFE ONCE MORE!
FOR ONCE, I AGREE WITH GRUMPY, HERE!
INDEED, RESIDENTS OF THE COSMOS CAN BREATHE EASIER... WELL, ALL EXCEPT THE SHARK, THAT IS... WITH THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF THE GALAXY ON THE JOB!
THIS IS ZONIK THE ZONE COP REMINDING YOU TO GUARD YOUR OWN GALAXY-- AND YOU CAN TAKE THAT LATERALLY! (SIC)
THE END


NOW THAT YOU'VE SEEN AN ALTERNATE VERSION OF YOURS TRULY IN THE FAR-FLUNG FUTURE--
-- HERE ARE SOME OTHERS THAT APPEARED IN PREVIOUS ISSUES!
ISSUE #_____
ISSUE #_____
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SO MANY SONICS!!! IT EVEN MAKES MY HEAD SPIN!
CAN YOU GUESS WHO THESE OTHER SONICS ARE?!!
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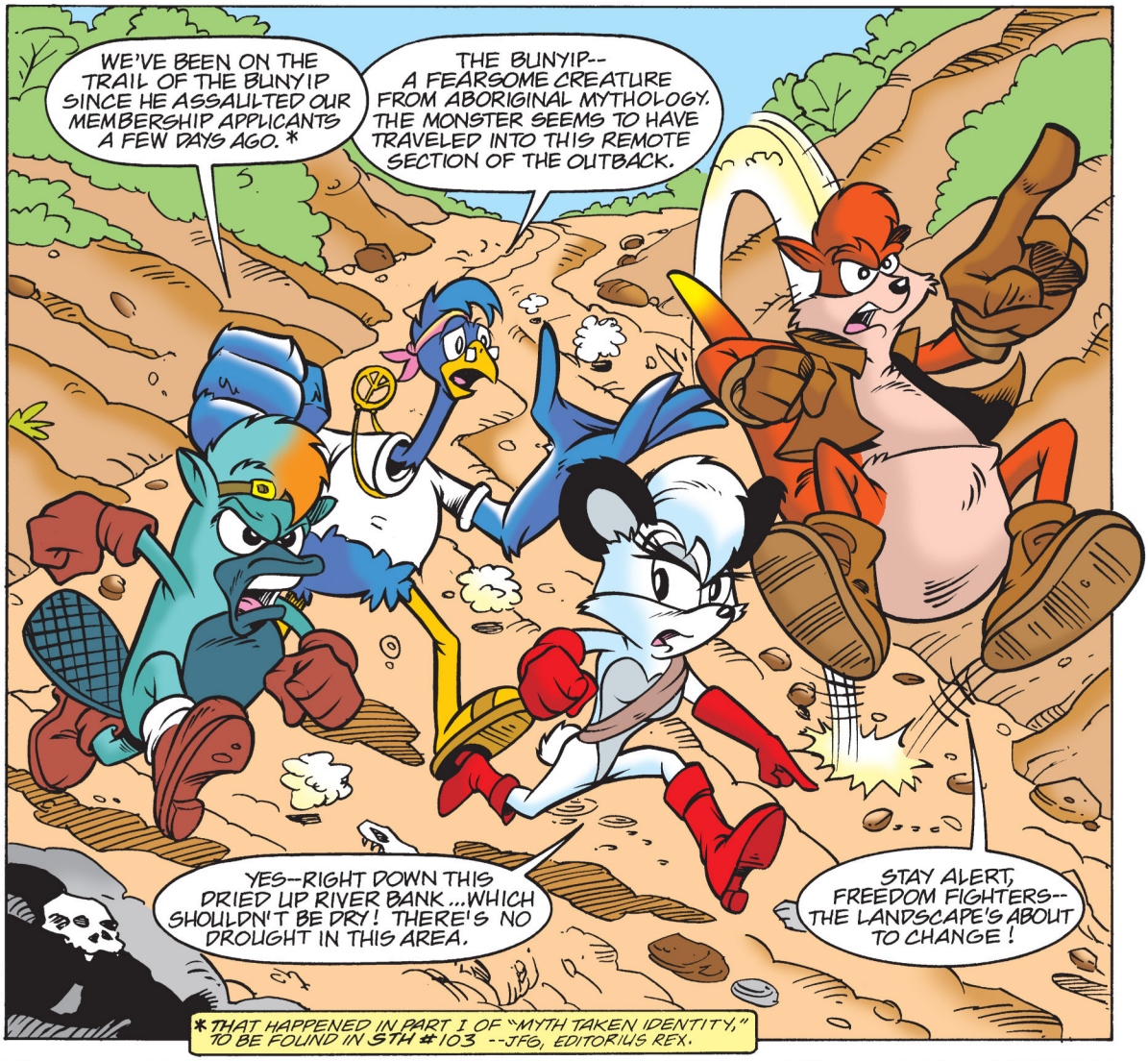
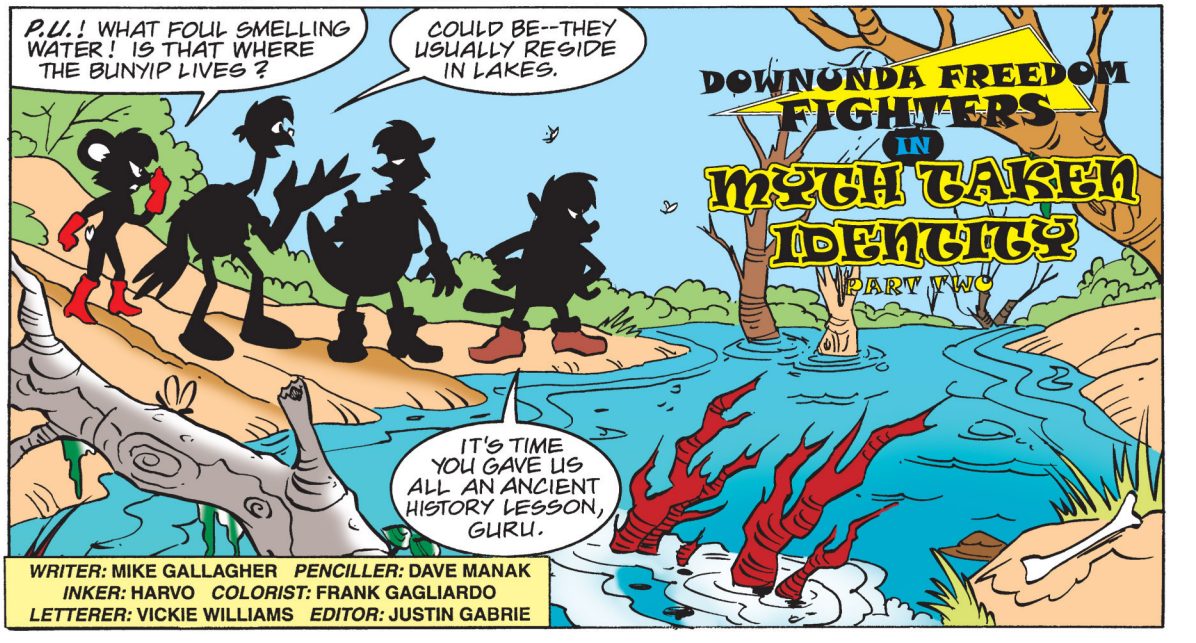

WE'VE BEEN ON THE TRAIL OF THE BUNYIP SINCE HE ASSAULTED OUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICANTS A FEW DAYS AGO. *
THE BUNYIP-- A FEARSOME CREATURE FROM ABORIGINAL MYTHOLOGY. THE MONSTER SEEMS TO HAVE TRAVELED INTO THIS REMOTE SECTION OF THE OUTBACK.
YES--RIGHT DOWN THIS DRIED UP RIVER BANK...WHICH SHOULDN'T BE DRY! THERE'S NO DROUGHT IN THIS AREA.
STAY ALERT, FREEDOM FIGHTERS-- THE LANDSCAPE'S ABOUT TO CHANGE!

*THAT HAPPENED IN PART I OF "MYTH TAKEN IDENTITY," TO BE FOUND IN STH #103 --JFG, EDITORIUS REX.


P.U.! WHAT FOUL SMELLING WATER! IS THAT WHERE THE BUNYIP LIVES?
COULD BE--THEY USUALLY RESIDE IN LAKES.
DOWNUNDA FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN MYTH TAKEN IDENTITY
PART TWO
IT'S TIME YOU GAVE US ALL AN ANCIENT HISTORY LESSON, GURU.

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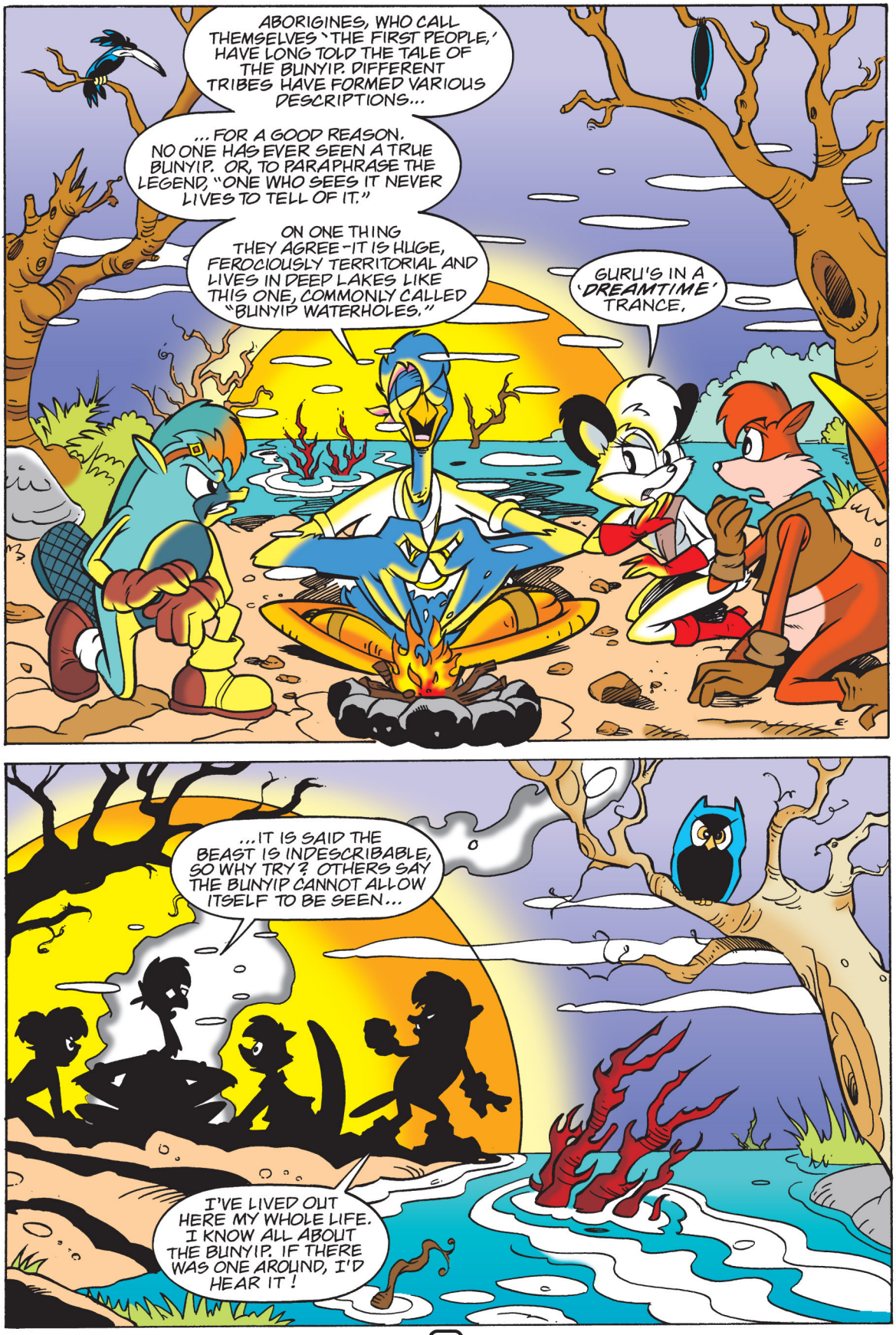
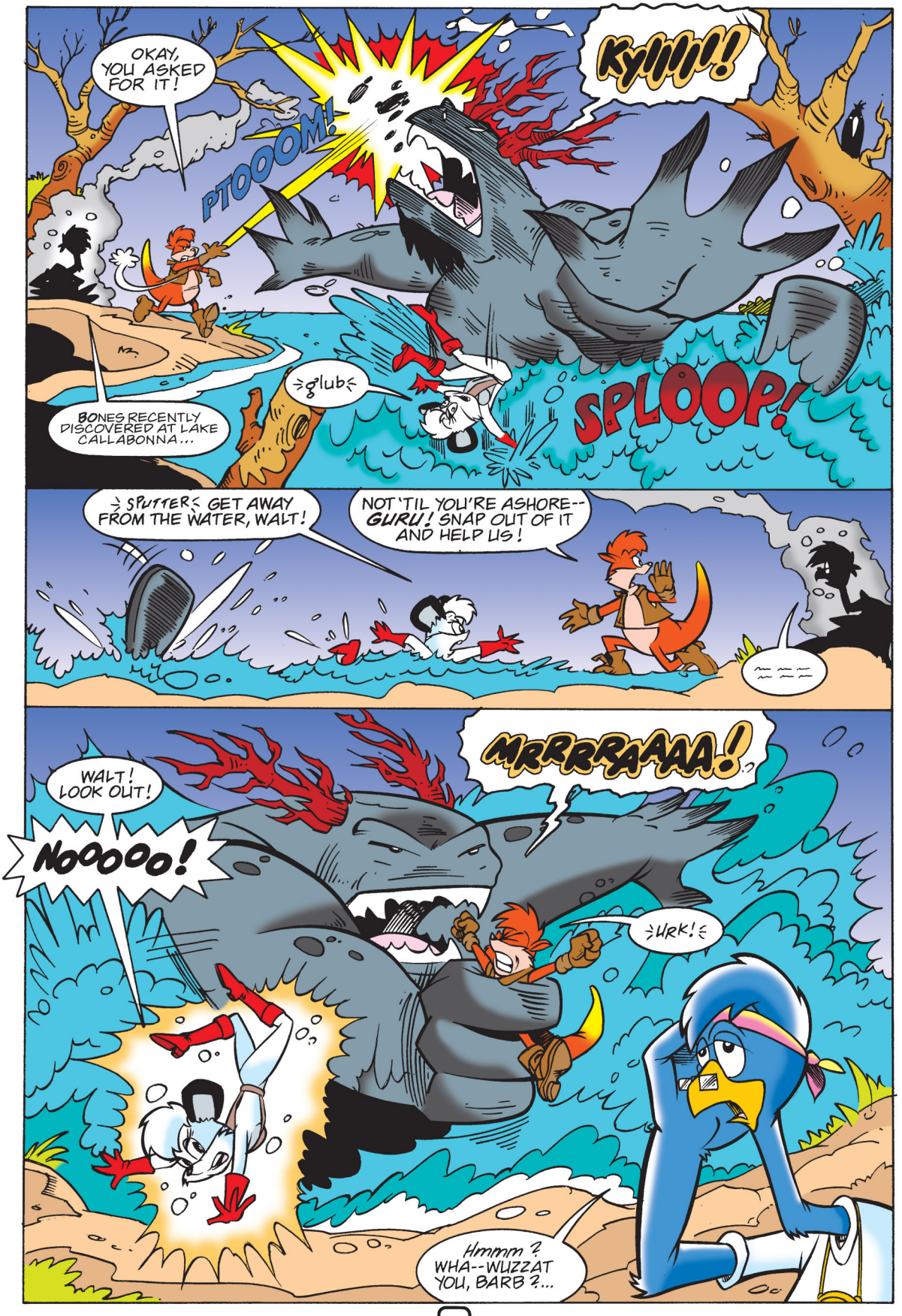
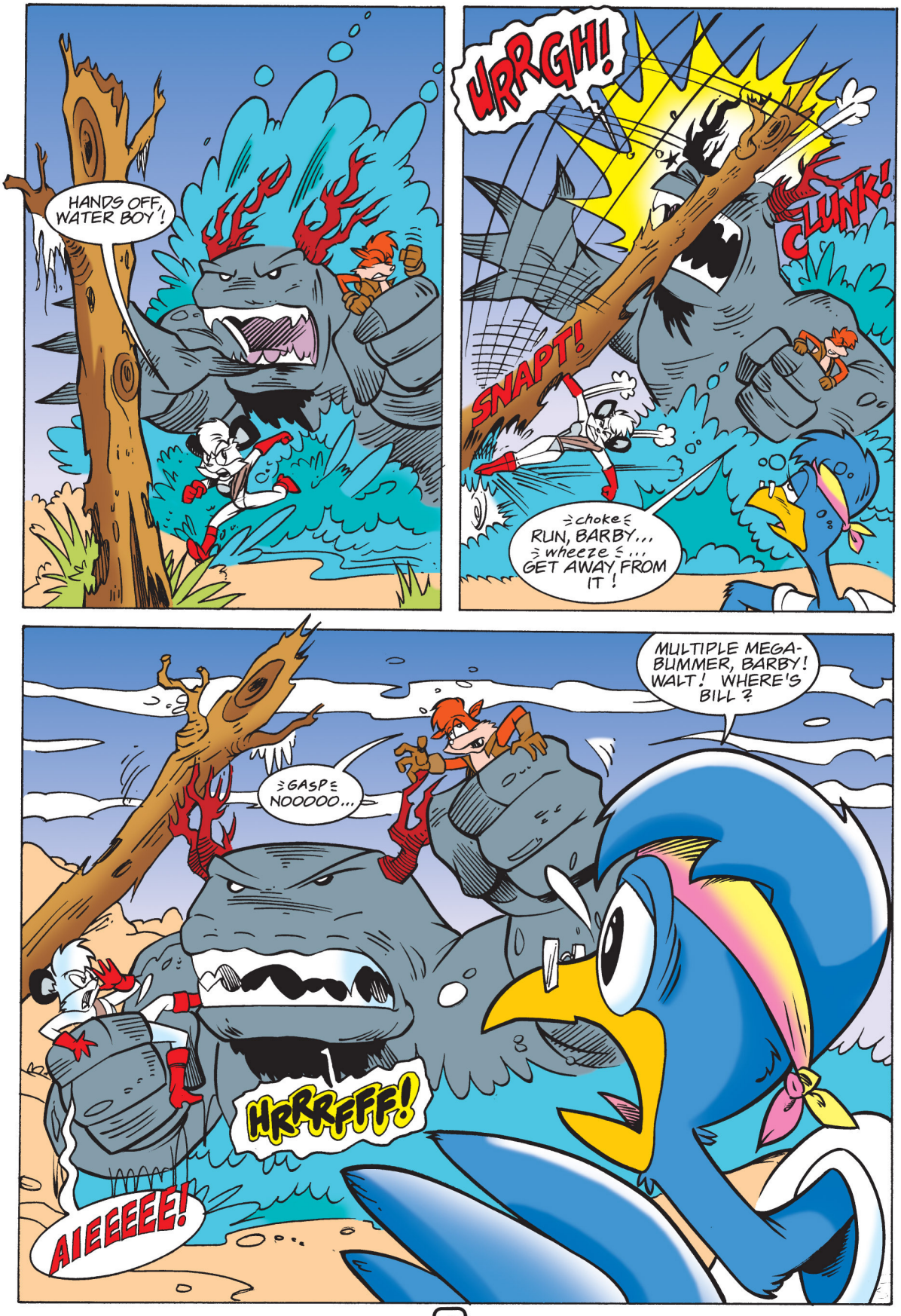
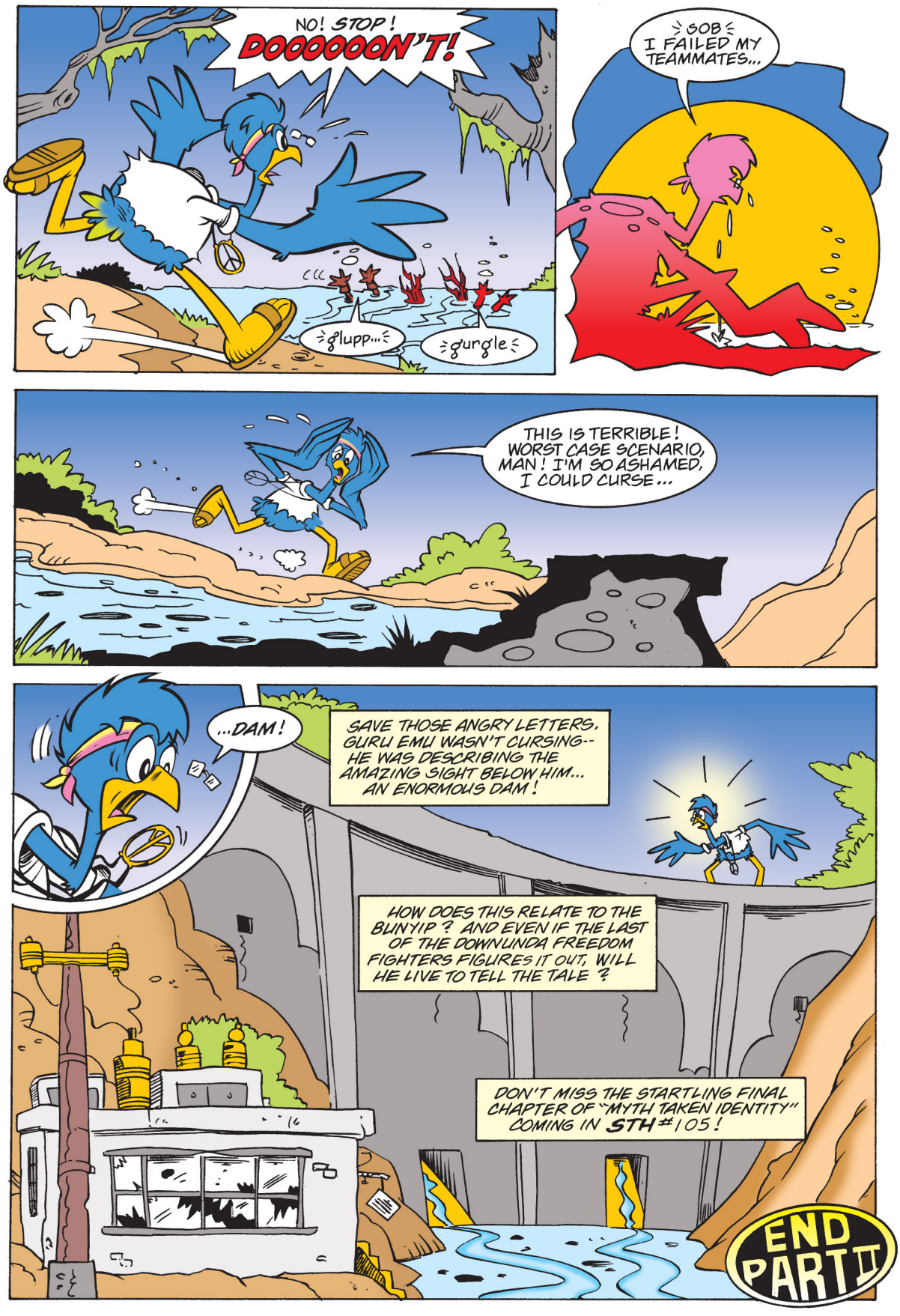

ABORIGINES, WHO CALL THEMSELVES 'THE FIRST PEOPLE,' HAVE LONG TOLD THE TALE OF THE BUNYIP. DIFFERENT TRIBES HAVE FORMED VARIOUS DESCRIPTIONS...
... FOR A GOOD REASON. NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN A TRUE BUNYIP. OR, TO PARAPHRASE THE LEGEND, "ONE WHO SEES IT NEVER LIVES TO TELL OF IT."
ON ONE THING THEY AGREE - IT IS HUGE, FEROCIOUSLY TERRITORIAL AND LIVES IN DEEP LAKES LIKE THIS ONE, COMMONLY CALLED "BUNYIP WATERHOLES."
GURU'S IN A 'DREAMTIME' TRANCE.
...IT IS SAID THE BEAST IS INDESCRIBABLE, SO WHY TRY? OTHERS SAY THE BUNYIP CANNOT ALLOW ITSELF TO BE SEEN...
I'VE LIVED OUT HERE MY WHOLE LIFE. I KNOW ALL ABOUT THE BUNYIP. IF THERE WAS ONE AROUND, I'D HEAR IT!

GRRRAAAAAAGHHH!
EEEyaaaaa!
HOLY EUCALYPTUS-- BILL!
WE'RE COMING, PARTNER!
NOW THE SCIENTISTS TELL US THE BUNYIP IS AN EXTINCT DINOSAUR CALLED A DIPROTODON...
BILL! BILL!
WE'D BETTER STEP BACK-- THE BUNYIP MIGHT RESURFACE...
BLARRRRRR!!!
EEEEK!
PUT HER DOWN, BIG FELLA... I'M WARNING YOU--


OKAY, YOU ASKED FOR IT!
PTOOOM!
KyIIII!
BONES RECENTLY DISCOVERED AT LAKE CALLABONNA...
=glub=
SPLOOP!
=SPUTTER= GET AWAY FROM THE WATER, WALT!
NOT 'TIL YOU'RE ASHORE-- GURU! SNAP OUT OF IT AND HELP US!
WALT! LOOK OUT!
NOOOOO!
MRRRAAAA!
=URK!=
Hmmm? WHA--WUZZAT YOU, BARB?...


HANDS OFF, WATER BOY!
HRRGH!
CLUNK!
SNAPT!
=choke= RUN, BARBY... =wheeze=... GET AWAY FROM IT!
MULTIPLE MEGA-BUMMER, BARBY! WALT! WHERE'S BILL?
=GASP= NOOOOO...
HRRFFF!
AIEEEEE!


NO! STOP!
DOOOOOON'T!
glupp...
gurgle
SOB
I FAILED MY TEAMMATES...
THIS IS TERRIBLE! WORST CASE SCENARIO, MAN! I'M SO ASHAMED, I COULD CURSE...
...DAM!
SAVE THOSE ANGRY LETTERS, GURU EMU WASN'T CURSING-- HE WAS DESCRIBING THE AMAZING SIGHT BELOW HIM... AN ENORMOUS DAM!
HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO THE BUNYIP? AND EVEN IF THE LAST OF THE DOWNUNDA FREEDOM FIGHTERS FIGURES IT OUT, WILL HE LIVE TO TELL THE TALE?
DON'T MISS THE STARTLING FINAL CHAPTER OF "MYTH TAKEN IDENTITY" COMING IN STH #105!
END PART II

CREATE YOUR OWN VERSION OF SONIC USING THE MODEL BELOW! YOU CAN DRAW ON IT OR CUT IT OUT AND MAKE IT 3-D!
HOW COOL IS THIS?!
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